

DETROIT

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In the auto industry - it's right down to the wire tonight. The United Auto workers and Chrysler ^{in their} ~~Corporation~~ ~~staging~~ non-stop contract talks, attempting ~~to~~ to reach a new agreement - ~~by midnight~~ ^{before tonight's} ~~a~~ midnight strike deadline. At last report, the two key issues, - wages and voluntary overtime, ^{have} ~~not~~ ^{not been} ~~yet~~ unresolved.

WATERGATE

In the Watergate bugging case - still another surprise development today. Four of the original Watergate break-in conspirators - requesting permission to change their pleas from guilty to not guilty. . These including Bernard Barker, - Frank Sturgis, - Virgilio Gonzalez, and Eugenio Martinez.

One and all claiming ~~that~~ they were falsely led to believe they were protecting national security interests. Further claiming that subsequent ~~conviction~~ conviction was - tainted by massive fraud - whose intended victims were the public, the prosecutors and the court.

PEKING

Ever since ~~xxxx~~ French President Pompidou arrived in Peking - Red Chinese propagandists have been having a field day; suggesting over and over that France and China are allied in a common battle against the big bad imperialists; ~~no~~ namely the U S and Russia. Now - an attempt to ~~now~~ counter the Peking party line. Pompidou ~~calling a news conference while still in the Chinese capital. Stating flatly,~~ ^{insisting} "The French Chinese conversations are aimed at no one - neither ~~is~~ the Soviet Union nor any other nation" - ~~Pompidou~~ ^{and} ~~saying~~ that France "wants to be on good terms - with the whole world."

TEL AVIV

In the ~~Mide~~ Middle East - Tel Aviv -
an official post mortem today on that big air battle
between Israel and Syria. Israeli chief of staff
General David Elavar ~~44~~ saying a flight of Israeli
jets was jumped unexpectedly over the Mediterranean
The sudden fury of the Syrian attack - leading to
the downing of one Israeli jet; - ~~he went on~~ and the
battle widened, - he continued, - "as part of our
desire to rescue the pilot who was in the water."

General Elavar also claiming again - the
subsequent downing of thirteen Syrian aircraft.
The results of the air ~~at~~ fight - said he - reflecting
"the relative supremacy of our pilots." The General
stating, in short: "We didn't start it - but we
~~for~~ sure finished it."

EARTH ORBIT

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Forty-eight days in orbit and still going strong - the men of Sky Lab were again conducting a series of earth resources studies today. With the help of super-sensitive cameras and sophisticated electronic ~~gear~~ gear checking ~~out~~ the North American continent from New England to ^{Lower California,} ~~California.~~

~~California.~~ Their main goals today including:

"One - a determination of ecological changes around major highways, - as requested by the State of Maine; two - an evaluation of urban sprawl around and about the city of Dallas, and three - the charting of storm trends - for weather scientists the country over.

CAPE FOLLOW EARTH ORBIT

Here on earth - a move to change the name of Cape Kennedy back to Cape Canaveral ~~is~~ *seems to be* ~~apparently~~ ~~apparently~~ gaining ~~some~~ ground. At any rate, the U S Interior Department today scheduling a hearing on the matter - October nine. This in line with a recent request - from the Florida state legislature.

OIL FOLLOW CAPE

The Interior Department ^{also tells} ~~again -- as~~

~~announcement today telling~~ of the preparation of a contingency oil allocation plan; a plan designed to take effect within three weeks - if the President or Congress so order.

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Interior Secretary Rogers Morton -
saying he does not think such a plan will be
necessary. Adding, however, it's better to plan
ahead - "rather than wait until the cold weather
is upon us."

BASS RIVER FOLLOW OIL

~~A related oil from~~ ^{at} Bass River, Mass
~~where~~ the President of the American Petroleum
Institute ^{today} ~~was~~ ~~was~~ addressing ^{ed} a meeting of the Council
of State governments. Frank Ikard noting that
Canadian ~~interests~~ interests have already drilled
seventy-eight oil wells - in Atlantic coastal waters.
Adding that the U S - desperately needs to follow
suit. This - said he - the best and surest way of
easing the present energy crisis. ^{So} ~~Then~~ why don't
we? Because of ~~the~~ fears over ~~the~~ possible
ecological consequences, - said Ikard. ~~But these~~
^{that} fears are unfounded - ~~he continued.~~ As ~~proof~~ proof
noting that in twenty-five years of off shore drilling
throughout the world - there have been so far only
four major spills and none at all - leaving any
permanent damage.

BANKS

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The first of the nation's banks to raise their prime interest rate to ten percent - were ordered today to explain why. The Federal committee on interests and dividends -- sending virtually identical telegrams to Wells Fargo of San Francisco and First ~~the~~ National City ~~Bank~~ of New York ^{— the 2 that led} ~~which~~ led the parade; demanding to know - if they both were still in compliance with federal profit guide lines.

The Chief executive of Wells Fargo - was ~~being~~ also summoned today to a meeting of the House Banking Committee set for Monday. Committee chairman Wright Patman saying the witness will be asked "to discuss with the committee -- the rationale ~~back~~ behind this latest increase." ~~Patman noting that the nation's prime interest rate -- has gone up sixteen times in less than six months; at ten percent -- now more than double what it was back in April.~~

SHERWOOD FOREST

~~Here's one a report today that fabled~~

Sherwood Forest lives - but just barely.

The legendary Lair of Robin Hood and his Merrie Men, - ~~as you perhaps know~~ ^{is in} a section of Nottinghamshire in England, [^] covering about a hundred-and-forty square miles. According to the findings of a newly formed Sherwood Forest study group - an area of special historical and land-scape ~~significance~~ significance.

The study group goes on to note - however, that most of Sherwood Forest ^{today is} ~~is now~~ privately owned, ^{with} ~~adding~~ "The entire forest ~~and~~ ^{ing} suffers from Air pollution, disfiguring roads - too many visitors ~~and~~ trampling vegetation" also, "coal mining that has caused land subsidence." [^] ~~and even drained one lake."~~

~~How to solve this problem. Well, the~~

^{The} ~~^~~ main need - says the Sherwood Study group is "closer

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control of development - and higher priority in the provision of funds." This last - in order to renew the forest.

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Incidentally - the tree said to be most suited for new planting - the ~~hardy~~ hardy American red oak; an assertion which is already drawing ~~some~~ ^{some} considerable flack. Indeed, Britain's prestigious men of the trees, calling it, ^{quote} "absolute ~~non-sense~~ nonsense." ~~non-sense~~

DENVER

A ~~modern~~ ghost story - ~~is reported today~~
from Denver. Mrs. Katinka Parker telling of an
eery spectre - that ~~seems to~~ follow^s her about in
her eight room house - night and day. ^{Bill -} She says the

~~"There is something evil in this house"~~

~~she goes on. "I can feel it - I can sense it."~~

~~It's always with me. And she adds that the~~

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~~ghost~~ ^{actually has} ~~has~~ ^{been} ~~been~~ pushed her down the stairs, twice, --

~~and almost~~ ^{wrecked} ~~destroyed~~ her marriage. For the most

~~part - though - Denver ghost breakers are apparently~~

~~unimpressed. At least one saying: "It's~~

~~just bad plumbing."~~

MURPHYSBORO

At Murphysboro, ~~Illinois~~ Illinois - the
twenty-second annual Murphysboro apple festival.

Prime attraction - ~~again~~ again the national apple
peeling contest. A three ~~minutes~~ minute race - bringing
together the greatest apple ~~peel~~ peelers from all
over the country. ~~But the~~ winner again, - for the
third straight year, - Murphysboro's own Dorothy
~~Davis~~ Davis. The champⁱⁿ winning peel - measuring
four-hundred-and-forty inches. And that's no
apple sauce.